

West Hartford Town Council Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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Members present

Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:59 PM

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Minutes 05-14-2019

APPROVED

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

3. Public Forum

James Bowers, 5 Old Oak Road, spoke regarding Item 6A

Rebecca Swanson-Bowers, 5 Old Oak Road, spoke regarding Item 6A

Daniel Johnson, 521 So. Quaker Lane, spoke regarding Item 6A

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar

ITEMS MOVED 6B - 6C & 11A - 11E

5. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant Application. **(This agenda item will be the subject of a formal public hearing on May 28, 2019 and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules.)** (1289)

ADOPTED, 7-0

([Click Here](#) for Resolution)

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

B. Application 527 Prospect LLC, owner of 527 Prospect Avenue, to amendment SDD #123 to permit an approximately 984 s.f., two story addition for expanded office space. Associated landscaping, parking and drainage improvements are proposed. **(This agenda item will be the subject of a formal public hearing on May 28, 2019 and may not be addressed during Public Forum pursuant to Town Council Rules.)** (1004)

TABLED TO JUNE 11, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

6. New Business

A. Resolution Approving a West Hartford Complete Streets Policy Exception for the Mountain Road at Albany Avenue Intersection Improvement Project (1066)

REFER TO COMMUNITY PLANNING & PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

([Click Here](#) for Preliminary Design Plan Mountain Road at Albany Avenue (US RTE 44) Intersection Improvements – Design)

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP), awarded approximately \$1.5M dollars to West Hartford for improvements along Mountain Road at the intersection of Albany Avenue (Route 44); and

WHEREAS, the primary purposes for this project are to provide additional capacity to accommodate the existing and future vehicular demand and to improve safety for all the Mountain Road right-of-way users; and

WHEREAS, the secondary purpose is to provide all Mountain Road right-of-way users with suitable accessibility to and through the intersection; and

WHEREAS, West Hartford has evaluated all feasible options, incorporated the wishes of the various stakeholders when possible, and has arrived at concept plan worthy of construction; and

WHEREAS, that plan involves removing an underutilized sidewalk that does not connect to any other sidewalks, which will allow for the installation of four foot wide, dedicated bicycles lanes on both sides of Mountain Road at Albany Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the West Hartford's Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission has advised staff that it believes that West Hartford is deviating from the Complete Streets Policy and an exception is required; and

WHEREAS, The Engineering Division bases its plan on its study of the intersection and motor vehicle, bicyclist and pedestrian use of the intersection, in addition to projected or anticipated changes to the intersection; and

WHEREAS, West Hartford feels strongly that the proposed plan is consistent with West Hartford's Complete Street Policy and an exception for the removal of the sidewalk is warranted based on the absence of current or projected need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL adopts this resolution approving the requested exception to the Complete Streets Policy and authorizing staff to proceed with the right-of-way improvements along Mountain Road at the intersection of Albany Avenue

Motion by Shari Cantor, second by Beth Kerrigan.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

B. Resolution to Close Capital Projects and Transfer Unexpended Balances to the Capital Reserve Account of the Capital And Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund the Cemetery Operating Fund and the Community Development Block Grant Fund (331)

ADOPTED, 7-0

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

WHEREAS, various capital projects in the Capital Projects Fund have been completed, and

WHEREAS, some of the West Hartford-funded projects have a remaining unexpended balance that must be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account of the Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund, and

WHEREAS, one project was funded by the Cemetery Operating Fund and the remaining unexpended balance must be returned to that Fund, and two projects were funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the unexpended balances must be returned to that Fund, and **WHEREAS**, the remainder of the projects have no remaining balances but must be formally closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford does hereby close the following projects and transfer a total of \$15,629.00 to the Capital Reserve Account of the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
811610 Town Building Improvements	\$ 50.00
851675 School Security	500.00
871830 Street Resurfacing	79.00
891535 Personal Property Assessment	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,629.00

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford does hereby close the following project and transfer \$100,496.02 to the Cemetery Operating Fund:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
811730 Cemetery Improvements	\$100,496.02

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford does hereby close the following projects and transfer \$40,510.55 to the CDBG Fund:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
831932 Beachland Park Improvements - CDBG	\$20,133.00
871832 Street Resurfacing - CDBG	20,377.55
TOTAL	\$40,510.55

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford does hereby close the following capital projects that are fully expended:

<u>PROJECT</u>
811915 Energy Conservation
851857 Asbestos Removal
861672 Heating & Ventilation Systems
861772 Heating & Ventilation Systems
871955 Pedestrian & Bicycle Management
891501 Fire Apparatus
891615 Financial Management System
891810 Communications Infrastructure
891820 Public Works Rolling Stock

C. Resolution to Amend the Budget of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Fund Based upon Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (1289)

ADOPTED, 7-0

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified the Town of West Hartford that its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$975,644, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2019-2020 CDBG budget adopted on April 23, 2019 assumed level funding with fiscal year 2018-2019 (\$967,061) as the actual grant allocation was not available at that time, and

WHEREAS, the Town must amend the fiscal year 2019-2020 CDBG budget to the actual grant allocation, an increase of \$8,583, and

WHEREAS, there is need for additional funding in the Public Facility Improvements program and the Town wishes to appropriate the additional funding to this area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD that the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget of the Community Development Block Grant fund is hereby amended as follows:

Estimated Revenue

13-401950-30506-9031	CDBG – Public Facility Improvements	\$8,583
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Appropriations

13-401950-30506-3290	CDBG – Public Facility Improvements	\$8,583
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D. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Lease with the West Hartford Housing Authority

REFER TO TPZ ([Click Here](#) for Lease referenced in Resolution)

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Housing Authority owns property located at 105 Hillcrest Avenue ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the West Hartford Housing Authority has agreed to lease the Property to the Town for use as a community center; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford has operated the Hillcrest Area Neighborhood Outreach Center ("HANOC") at this site for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the HANOC assists families with limited economic means to become more independent by offering after-school programs, family self-sufficiency assessments and training, a childcare camp, and other programs chosen to provide families with the opportunity to enhance the quality of their lives through self-determination, responsibility, commitment, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Property as a community center will continue to be a great benefit to the residents in the surrounding neighborhood;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute a lease with the West Hartford Housing Authority in substantially the form attached hereto.

7. Reports of Town Manager

Town Manager Matthew W. Hart Presented his report to the Council.

8. Announcements

Upcoming events were reported by Mayor Cantor.

9. Reports of Corporation Counsel

Executive Session is required to discuss strategy and negotiation regarding a litigation matter.

10. Appointments

NONE

11. Reports of Standing or Special Committees

C. Minutes from Admin and Tech Committee 05-06-2019

RECEIVED

D. Minutes from Community Planning and Physical Services Committee 05-15-2019

RECEIVED

12. Consent Calendar

ADOPTED

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams

13. Communications

NONE

14. Petitions

NONE

15. Executive Session

At 9:28 pm Mayor Cantor moved to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter. Present to discuss the matter: Mayor Cantor, Council Members Barnes, Davidoff, Fay, Kerrigan, Wenograd, and Williams; Corp. Counsel Alair, Asst. Corp. Counsel Newsom, and Town Manager Matthew W. Hart.

At. 9:55, on motion of Mayor Cantor and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerrigan it was voted to reconvene into Public Session.

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 9:56 PM

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Beth Kerrigan.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris

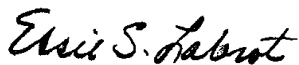
Williams 17. Suspense Items

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Claim.

Be it resolved that, subject to the approval of the West Hartford Pension Board, acting in its normal course, the West Hartford Town Council hereby authorizes the settlement of the case entitled MacGilpin, Douglas H. v. Town of West Hartford, Hartford Superior Court, Docket No. CV-18-6099889-S for the sum of a pension amount of no more than \$22,000 a year. **ADOPTED, 7-0**

Motion by Beth Kerrigan, second by Leon Davidoff.

YES: Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Leon Davidoff, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Chris Williams



Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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